

In the Supreme Court of Iowa

CLERK SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of Filing a Notice of
Firearms Prohibition Pursuant to Iowa
Code §724.31A

Supervisory Order

During the recent legislative session, the Iowa legislature passed and the Governor signed H.F. 756. That bill amends Iowa Code § 724.31A to identify a total of 11 offenses or circumstances under Iowa law that will prohibit an offender from carrying, possessing, or acquiring firearms. The bill also requires the Iowa courts to transmit information about the firearms prohibition to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). And to notify the person subject to the firearms prohibition. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

After considering the requirements of this bill, state court administration and judicial branch information technology staff recommends that all judicial officers complete and e-file a Notice of Firearms Prohibition Pursuant to Iowa Code § 724.31A in every case in which one or more of the firearms prohibitions apply. When a judicial officer files the notice, clerks of court will enter a docket code specifically for this notice. Entry of that docket code will automatically cause the transmittal of the information to the DPS about the firearms prohibition against the person named in the notice.

The court orders that beginning on July 1, 2021, all judicial officers will complete and e-file a statewide template Notice of Firearms Prohibition Pursuant to Iowa Code § 724.31A in every case in which one or more of the firearms prohibitions applies. Clerks of court will enter the designated docket code for the notice, and judicial branch information technology staff will ensure that the information about the firearms prohibition is automatically transmitted to the DPS.

In addition, as soon as possible, all judicial officers will complete the online selfpaced education program on the requirements of H.F. 756 and how to complete and efile the notice form. State court administration will provide the education program. Order is effective July 1, 2021.

Dated this 24th day of June 2021.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By

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